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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON AMBASSADORIAL SHIFT:
PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE ISSUED AUGUST 11 FOR
POSSIBLE USE AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING IN CONNECTION WITH
AUGUST 11 ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES REGARDING REPLACEMENT
OF AMBASSADOR SHELTON: BEGIN QUOTE:

Q: IS REPLACEMENT OF TURNER B. SHELTON AN INDICATION
OF A CHANGE IN US POLICY TOWARD NICARAGUA?

A: NO, OUR POLICY TOWARD THAT COUNTRY HAS NOT CHANGED.
IT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN ONE OF MAINTAINING COOPERA-
TIVE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL NATIONAL
INTERESTS RATHER THAN ON PERSONALITIES.

Q: WHERE IS SHELTON AND WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO NEXT?

A: HE IS ON HIS WAY TO LOS ANGELES WHERE HE WILL TAKE
SEVERAL WEEKS OF LEAVE. I HAVE NOTHING BEYOND THAT
FOR NOW.

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Q: HAS GENERAL SOMOZA BEEN LOBBYING THE USG TO RETAIN
SHELTON IN MANAGUA OR TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER APPOINTMENT?

A: I HAVE NO INFORMATION FOR YOU ON THAT. END QUOTE.

2. NO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ON THIS MATTER AT THE
AUGUST 11 BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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